Amendments to the Specification:

In the abstract:

A system, <u>apparatus,</u> and method for sharing web modules amongst a plurality of other web applications are provided. ~~With the system and method,~~ Shared web modules are stored in an archive data structure ~~and are accessible~~ for use with web applications. The web applications, and/or the web modules of the web applications, may include a ~~shared web module~~ designation file that identifies the shared web modules that are to be incorporated into the web modules for the web application. A runtime component ~~is provided that determines, when the web application web modules are being loaded, whether the web application and/or web modules have a shared web module designation file that identifies shared web modules that are to be incorporated into the web modules of the web application. If so, the runtime component~~ selectively locates these shared web modules and logically merges them with the web modules of the web application ~~taking into account~~ <u>according to</u> precedence or priority of the shared web modules as designated by the shared web module designation file. The result is a logically merged web module that contains the shared web modules referenced in the shared web module designation file.